

General Fund – Program Revenues

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Public Protection

Fire:

Fire Permits - This fee covers the costs associated with issuing permits for controlled fires and special event operation requirements as required by the North Carolina Fire Prevention Code.

Community Services and Development

Public Works:

Street Cut Permits - Revenue from permits issued primarily for gas, electric, telephone and cable television utility right-of-way excavations.

Driveway Permits - Revenue from permits issued for cutting driveways into existing curbs.

Transit/Parking:

Taxicab Inspection Fees - This revenue is received for inspecting taxicabs for taxicab permits.

City/County Inspections:

Revenue from Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Sign and Fire Permits required by ordinance for development activity.

Sign Permits - This line represents the revenue generated from the issuance of sign permits.

CHARGES FOR CURRENT SERVICES

Charges for services include user fees for recreation, police, fire, transportation, engineering, cemeteries, planning and other city services. Charges to the State and to Durham County for services that the City provides (such as services provided under an interlocal agreement) are also included in this category.

Governance

City Clerk:

These revenues are from the sale of City Code supplements and copies of public records.

Budget & Management Services:

An annexation petition fee pays for recordation of adopted annexation plats, legally required advertisements, copying costs and a small portion of staff time required to process the petition.

Public Protection

Communications Center:

Communications Services - This item represents the reimbursement by Durham County for the costs associated with dispatching County volunteer fire departments and ambulances and receiving 911 calls for the Sheriff's Department. The County assumes 21% of the Communications Center budget in accordance with an Interlocal Agreement.

Emergency Telephone System Fund – This fund combines the total 911 surcharge for wireless and wireline services. This money is collected by the telephone companies and forwarded to State. The State distributes these funds directly to the City of Durham. The monthly service charge was set at \$0.70 per connection effective January 1, 2008. The 911 Board monitors the revenues generated, and if it determines that revenues exceed the amount needed, the rate must be reduced.

Police:

Officers' Fees - This revenue source is a reimbursement by the General Court of Justice for officers' service of legal process documents.

Wrecker Service Dispatch Fee - A fee is assessed against wrecker services who are registered and dispatched from the Police Department to clear accident scenes. During FY 2004-05, the City increased the fee from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per tow to cover the costs of police officers associated with this program.

Fire:

Fire Protection - State-Owned Buildings - In FY 1983-84, the State began to reimburse local governments for providing fire protection services for State-owned facilities. In FY 1997-98, the General Assembly raised the reimbursement amounts paid to cities. The General Assembly reduced the reimbursement rate for FY 2007-08 but also re-assessed the value of its property, which resulted in an increased payment.

Fire Inspections Fees - This revenue is a result of the State placing more restrictions on how inspections are done. Hazardous material inspection fees are included here.

Community Services and Development

Public Works:

NCDOT State Highway Maintenance - This program has been suspended by the State due to budget shortfalls, but in the past, this was revenue paid by the State Department of Transportation for street maintenance work by the City on State highway system streets within the City Limits.

NCDOT Winter Weather Reimbursement – Revenue paid by the State Department of Transportation to reimburse expenses incurred to treat roadways due to winter weather.

Special Street Maintenance - Charges made to utility companies for utility cut repairs and fees paid by individuals for private street maintenance services.

Engineering Inspection Fees - Revenues included in this category are for the inspection by City staff of new street construction in private subdivisions including stormwater drainage and sidewalks. New street construction drawing review and fire flow test fees are also included.

Topographic and other Maps - This line item records the revenue that the Public Works Department will receive from the sale of maps.

City/County Planning:

Planning Fees - Revenue in this category includes fees for reviewing proposed development plans, zoning change requests, site plan compliance, flood plain, and variances and use permits.

Durham County Planning Services – Under an interlocal agreement, Durham County reimburses the City for its share of joint City/County Planning services. Since FY 1999-00, the City and County have each assumed 50% of the Planning budget net of user fees unless one entity elects to solely fund a position. In FY 2009-10, the City and County are each funding 50% of the Planning budget with no positions solely funded by either entity.

City/County Inspections:

Durham County Inspections Services - In FY 2002-03, Durham County reimbursed the City 14% of the Inspections Departments appropriations for its share of the joint City/County Inspections. County Inspections fees were remitted to the County every six months after reconciliation. Starting in FY 2003-04, the City began 100% retention of County inspections revenue. The County no longer reimburses the City for its share of the Inspections function.

Parks and Recreation:

Registration Fees – This category includes revenues generated from Summer Day Camp and After School programming.

Special Activities - Items in this category include entry fees for adult athletic organization leagues, gymnastics, special interest camps, road races, instructional classes, Senior Games, etc. Fees for these activities are intended to recover expenses involved for services provided. Registration rates are set to recover direct and indirect costs of each activity.

Admissions - Revenues included in this account are swimming pool fees and picnic shelter reservations.

Entry Fees - Revenues generated by entry fees for youth softball, basketball, baseball and volleyball are included here.

Use Charges - This item includes revenues generated through rental of City equipment, Lake Michie, Durham Athletic Park, West Point on the Eno, Little River Lake, the Armory, Durham Centre Plaza and the Civic Center Plaza.

Solid Waste Collection:

Yard Waste Collection Fees – This item includes fees paid by residential owners for yard waste collection services, yard waste cart replacement and bulky item pickup.

Transportation:

Street Signs and Markings - This revenue represents the billing to the State for maintenance of signs and markings on State system streets and highways within the city limits.

Traffic Signals - This revenue represents the billing to the State for maintenance of traffic signals on State system streets and highways within the City Limits.

Traffic Impact Analysis - Development review fees associated with the review of traffic impact.

Administrative and Support Services

Finance:

Duplicating and Graphics - These are charges to customers outside the City for duplicating and graphics services.

False Alarm Charges - This item represents service fees for answering fire and police false alarms.

Technology Solutions:

Durham County GIS Service - The City is responsible for coordinating and managing overall countywide GIS operations, which includes GIS software installation and maintenance, GIS databases management, technical support, customized maps and application development and training. It currently operates under an interlocal cooperation agreement effective since July 1, 1998, which was amended in December 2005 and provides service to all City and County departments. Durham County reimburses the City 50% of the GIS operation cost each year. The department began providing mapping and data distribution services to the public in 1999. The fees are based on two policies. The GIS data access and distribution policy went into effect on July 1st, 1999 and the GIS data distribution policy for commercial use was adopted by the City Council on August 7th, 2000.

General Services:

Project Management Charges - The project management staff charge their time to some capital projects.

Air Lease Tower Fees – Space leased on a City-owned tower on Camden Avenue for use by cell phone companies.

Cemetery Lot Sales - Revenue from the sale of grave spaces at both Beechwood and Maplewood cemeteries.

Cemetery Interment Fees - Revenue generated from burial fees at both Beechwood and Maplewood cemeteries.

Cemetery Upkeep and Design - Revenue represents the fee charged to citizens who request additional maintenance at specific gravesites.

Columbarium Charges - Revenue generated from fees charged for burial niches, urns, burial plaque engraving, and miscellaneous upkeep charges.

NCDOT Mowing Reimbursement - This line item represents a reimbursement from the North Carolina Department of Transportation to cover its cost of mowing the state highway rights-of-way that are included in the City of Durham's Mowing Contract.

Fleet Management:

Radio Maintenance Charges - This item represents fees for servicing radios outside of the City owned radios.

INTRAGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES

This section is used to record those revenues associated with services provided by one City department to another department.

Community Services and Development

Public Works:

Street Maintenance Charges - These charges occur as a result of General Fund divisions performing street construction and stormwater system work for other departments or divisions in other funds.

Engineering Fees - This revenue represents charges to bond and construction funds for engineering services provided by the Engineering Divisions.

TRANSFERS FROM OTHER FUNDS

Community Services and Development

Public Works:

From Water and Sewer Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Water and Sewer Fund for costs incurred for the Public Works Director's Office.

From Stormwater Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Stormwater Fund for costs incurred for the Public Works Director's Office.

Administrative and Support Services

Finance:

Stormwater Fund - This line represents a reimbursement from the Stormwater Fund for costs incurred for delinquent collections activity.

General Services:

Transfer From Perpetual Care Fund - Investment income from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund has been transferred to help offset the costs of cemetery maintenance. A portion of this investment income is returned to the Perpetual Care Fund to assist with long term maintenance of the cemeteries.